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Excerpt from a July 1972 Thoi Su Pho Thong ("Current Events" -- a North Vietnamese monthly journal) article entitled "Preserve State Secrets and Struggle Against Enemy Psychological Warfare."

"In this modern war, along with waging military warfare, the U.S. imperialists are stepping up psychological warfare, using very crafty maneuvers. Radio Saigon, the VOA, the BBC and other stations of the imperialists and their henchmen have daily released false news to distort our victories and conceal the setbacks of the U.S.-puppets and have fabricated stories about North Vietnam.

"Their crafty maneuver consists of mixing true news with distorted news and giving us the impression that they have released the news quickly and objectively. Thus they use small capital to gain great profit. The guideline of the enemy's psywar organs is: make listeners believe true news released on one occasion so that they will believe false news on another occasion. As a result of the telling and retelling of lies, white is turned into black and listeners will be deceived or struck with doubt. Even if listeners believe enemy news, with some reservations, the enemy will still benefit.

"Another crafty maneuver is the sending of spies to spread rumors in order to deceive honest people who will, in turn, disseminate the false news. The news whispered by our people and cadres can help deceive people more effectively than the news released by enemy radio stations.

"Our people and cadres have constantly heightened vigilance. However, some people are unaware of all the enemy schemes and maneuvers and of the need to fight the enemy while keeping quiet. Thus they are deceived by the enemy and have sometimes inadvertently offered to be propagandists for him.

"To strictly preserve military, economic and ideological secrets, to remain vigilant and to expose and smash in time all enemy allegations and propaganda maneuvers is a duty to be fulfilled by each citizen and each cadre in order to contribute to the victories in our anti-U.S. national salvation undertaking."

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DRV Paper Warns Against Psychological Warfare

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(Excerpt) To retrieve their defeats in both zones of our country, the U.S.-puppets are resorting to psywar farces. But their cunning tricks can never fool our people. To denounce these cheap enemy psywar farces, the paper publishes on its second page many articles and stories.

The article "what must we know about the enemy's psychological warfare?" includes four parts: 1) what is psychological warfare? 2) what are the psywar plots that the U.S.-puppets have often used against the northern part of our country? 3) what are the contents of the U.S.-puppets' psywar propaganda? and 4) what should each of us do to oppose the enemy psychological warfare?

After dealing with the first three parts, the paper thoroughly discusses the tasks to be done to oppose the enemy psychological warfare: one must absolutely not listen to radio broadcasts of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen, not read enemy leaflets and not keep enemy psywar items. When the enemy drops psywar items and leaflets, we must immediately try to collect them and burn or destroy them. We must closely watch and prevent bad elements from secretly listening to enemy radio broadcasts, from keeping and hiding enemy leaflets and psywar items, or from using them to spread false news to disturb public security.

With respect to honest people who by mistake listened to enemy radio broadcasts or who have kept enemy leaflets and psywar items, we must try to explain to them, then criticize them and persuade them not to do it again.